

## HOSPITALITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCY GRANT (HERG)

The North Dakota Department of Commerce's Hospitality Economic Resiliency Grant (HERG) has been created to cover basic operational costs for businesses in the hospitality sector that were closed on March 13, 2020, as a result of Executive Order 2020-06.

This includes restaurants, bars, breweries, cafes and similar on-site dining establishments. Eligible entities will also include theaters, music and entertainment venues, as well as professional production companies who support major venues, meetings and events.

Eligible North Dakota businesses can apply for grant funding up to \$25,000 per eligible entity and \$75,000 for eligible entities with multiple locations. If an entity receives grant funds for more than one location, they cannot spend more than \$25,000 per location.

### Grants must be used for costs such as:

- Rent
- Mortgage payments
- Payroll
- Utilities
- Marketing
- Insurance

### Businesses eligible for the grant include:

- A restaurant (food trucks included)-to include food services and drinking establishment that derive a minimum of 51% of their sales from prepared food and must certify that 75% sales were derived in ND, as well as a current food establishment license
- A bar or lounge with a current on-sale liquor license issued by the appropriate legal entity that derive a minimum of 51% from on-sale sales
- An entertainment venue to include movie, drama or music theaters and facilities used to host community and private events
- A production company that provides technology and audio-visual services to meetings and events; and must certify that 75% sales were derived in ND

### Eligible businesses must:

- Have a permanent physical location in North Dakota (P.O. Boxes or mailing addresses are not considered a physical location)
- Have been financially viable prior to March 1, 2020
- Have experienced negative financial impact due to COVID-19
- Be in good standing with the ND Secretary of State or applicable tribal government at the time of application
- Meets ND Smart/Re-Start standards
- Have spent the money prior to requesting reimbursement

### Applications open November, 2020.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first served-basis. Funding will be approved if the application meets all criteria and if funding is still available. The application and additional information, including educational sessions will be available shortly at: <https://belegendary.link/HERG>.